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Case CM-1519Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
ISELE, Olaf Erik Alexander et al I
Int'l Application No. PCT/US98/14091
Filed in the RO/US on 08 July 1998
Entitled: Disposable Absorbent Articles With Clothlike
Feel Backsheet Having Zoned Breathability
And Process For Making Such Backsheets

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

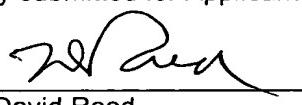
Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments IN THE CLAIMS:

- * In Claim 3 please delete the phrase "or 2".
- * In each one of Claims 5 and 6 please replace the phrase "any of claims 1 to 4" with --Claim 1--.
- * In each one of Claims 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 please replace the phrase "any of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.
- * In Claim 18 please replace the phrase "claim 16 or 17" with --Claim 17--.
- ME In Claim 19 please replace the phrase "any of claims 16 to 18" with --Claim 16--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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